

ARLINGTON TREE COMMITTEE

Meeting Agenda – Weds., October 10, 2018, 7:30pm, Selectmen's Hearing Rm, Town Hall

1. 5 minutes: **note taking for meeting minutes – Steve Moore**
2. 5 minutes: **Approve September meeting minutes**
3. 2 minutes: **Community Tree Canopy Program – (Mary Ellen Update)**
 - Checks were deposited into 9/27 to McEachern fund
4. 3 minutes: **Community tree watering projects (Thompson, Scannell, ABGclub)**
 - Follow up with Town facilities director (Eliza)
5. 3 minutes: **Town Day Follow up**
 - Gave away 20 trees! (Thank you Ed and Beth)
 - Added 15 new members to Google Groups
 - Most Q/A: how do I get a tree in front on my house
6. 20 minutes: **DPW Tree Department Update (Tim)**
 - New and current town projects involving trees
 - A. Hardy – (John/Tim)
 - B. Others
 - Tree watering/overtime
 - Tree hearing(s)
 - A. 24 Cypress Road outcome
 - B. Others
 - Tree Bylaw – new tree plans, tree plan final plantings, other
 - Fall planting
 - Adam K progress on WebQA data integrated into the inventory – and combine into one database and maps
7. 10 minutes **Emerald Ash Borer** - funding and notice to Google Group–
(Mara/Tim/John)
8. 7 minutes **Procedures/policies for town projects and tree watering Select Board meeting** - **(Susan/Tim)**
9. 5 minutes **New fees set by Selectboard (Susan/Tim)**
10. 5 minutes **Gas Leaks Task Force Report (Susan)**
11. 5 minutes **Set first meeting date for subgroup: Tree Bylaw update for 2019 Town Meeting** (ATC members: John, Mary Ellen, Susan. Non-member Phil)
12. 10 minutes: **Publicity / Community Outreach**
 - Emerald Ash Borer
 - Other

13. 12 minutes: New Business

- AHS rebuild – ATC communications and Superintendent response.
- Correspondence received to ATC since last meeting
 - A. Tree Canopy tree recipients wondering why checks had not cleared
 - B. Bill Berkawitz: Psychological benefits of trees:
https://www.yesmagazine.org/issues/mental-health/the-restorative-power-of-trees-20180919?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=YTW_20180921&utm_content=YTW_20180921+CID_79601b1b107c4e605fc91bda747efd4b&utm_source=CM&utm_term=The%20Restorative%20Power%20of%20Trees
- Street trees and solar panels – what's the procedure when solar panels are present and street tree species and site selection

Next meeting: Committee meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month, November 14